

State of California
AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Executive Order G-17-043

Butte County Association of Governments' (BCAG)
2016 Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
ARB Acceptance of GHG Quantification Determination

WHEREAS, SB 375 (Steinberg, Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008), also known as the Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act, aims to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from passenger vehicle travel through improved transportation and land use planning at the regional scale;

WHEREAS, SB 375 requires each of the State's 18 federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), including the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG), to develop a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), or an Alternative Planning Strategy that meets the regional GHG emissions reduction targets for passenger vehicles set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board);

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2010, the Board set targets for the BCAG region of 1 percent per capita increase by 2020, and 1 percent per capita increase by 2035 relative to 2005 levels;

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2013, CARB accepted BCAG's quantification of greenhouse gas emissions for its first SCS, adopted by the BCAG Board of Directors on December 13, 2012;

WHEREAS, in preparation for its 2016 SCS, BCAG staff engaged the public by holding public workshops and community meetings between August 2014 and September 2016, and public hearings between September and December 2016;

WHEREAS, in August 2016, BCAG published its draft 2016 RTP/SCS, which was available for public review through November 2016;

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2016, BCAG adopted the final 2016 RTP/SCS with a determination that the SCS would achieve the region's GHG targets of 1 percent per capita increase by 2020, and 1 percent per capita increase by 2035;

WHEREAS, BCAG submitted the final 2016 SCS to CARB on January 27, 2017, as required by California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii);

WHEREAS, CARB staff performed a technical evaluation of the 2016 SCS based on CARB's technical methodology for evaluating an SCS (published in July 2011);

WHEREAS, CARB staff's evaluation showed BCAG used technical methodologies that would reasonably quantify GHG reductions from the 2016 SCS;

WHEREAS, CARB staff's evaluation showed BCAG's 2016 SCS, if implemented, would meet the GHG targets that the Board established for the region for 2020 and 2035;

WHEREAS, CARB staff's technical evaluation of BCAG's GHG reduction determination is included in Attachment A, *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for the Butte County Association of Governments' SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, May 2017;

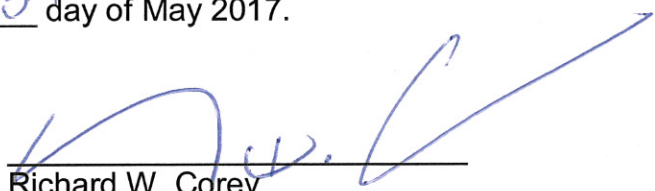
WHEREAS, California Government Code section 65080, subdivision (b)(2)(J)(ii) calls for CARB to accept or reject the MPO's determination that the strategy submitted would, if implemented, achieve the GHG emission reduction targets established by the Board;

WHEREAS, the California Health and Safety Code sections 39515 and 39516 delegate to the Board's Executive Officer the authority to act on behalf of the Board in this manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that under California Government Code section 65080, subsection (b)(2)(J)(ii), the Executive Officer hereby accepts BCAG's determination that the SCS adopted by BCAG's Board of Directors on December 8, 2016, would, if implemented, achieve the 2020 and 2035 GHG emission reduction targets established by CARB.

NOW, THEREFORE, CARB staff is directed to forward this executive order to the BCAG Executive Director.

Executed at Sacramento, California this 30th day of May 2017.



Richard W. Corey
Executive Officer

Attachment A: *Technical Evaluation of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Quantification for the Butte County Association of Governments' SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy*, May 2017.